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From 9/11's ashes, a new world took shape. It did not last

In this Saturday, Sept. 15, 2001 file photo, the Statue of Liberty stands in front of a smoldering lower Manhattan at dawn, seen from Jersey City, N.J. The Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the United States nearly 20 years ago precipitated profound changes in America and the world.

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By **CALVIN WOODWARD, ELLEN KNICKMEYER and DAVID RISING**
Associated Press

In the ghastly rubble of Ground Zero's fallen towers 20 years ago, Hour Zero arrived, a chance to start anew.

World affairs reordered abruptly on that morning of blue skies, black ash, fire and death.

In Iran, chants of "death to Amer-

ica" quickly gave way to candlelight vigils to mourn the American dead. Vladimir Putin weighed in with substantive help as the U.S. prepared to go to war in Russia's region of influence.

Libya's Moammar Gadhafi, a murderous dictator with a poetic streak, spoke of the "human duty" to be with Americans after "these horrifying and awesome events,

which are bound to awaken human conscience."

From the first terrible moments, America's longstanding allies were joined by longtime enemies in that singularly galvanizing instant. No nation with global standing was cheering the stateless terrorists. How rare is that?

Too rare to last, it turned out.

Civilizations have their allegories

for rebirth in times of devastation. A global favorite is that of the phoenix, a magical and magnificent bird, rising from ashes. In the hellscape of Germany at the end of World War II, the concept of Hour Zero, or Stunde Null, offered the opportunity to start anew.

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From 9/11's ashes, a new world took shape. It did not last.

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For the U.S., the zero hour of Sept. 11, 2001, meant a chance to reshape its place in the post-Cold War world from a high perch of influence and goodwill. This was only a decade after the Soviet Union's collapse left America with both the moral authority and the military and financial muscle to be unquestionably the lone superpower.

Those advantages were soon squandered. Instead of a new order, 9/11 fueled 20 years of war abroad. In the U.S., it gave rise to the angry, aggrieved, self-proclaimed patriot, and heightened surveillance and suspicion in the name of common defense.

It opened an era of deference to the armed forces as lawmakers pulled back on oversight as presidents gave primacy to the military over law enforcement in counterterrorism. It sparked anti-immigrant sentiment, primarily directed at Muslim countries, that lingers today.

What most nations agreed



In this Saturday, Sept. 15, 2001 file photo, activists of Pakistan militant religious parties stand with a banner which reads, "Americans, think why you are hated all over the world," during a rally in Islamabad, Pakistan to condemn possible U.S. attacks on neighboring Afghanistan.

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was a war of necessity in Afghanistan was followed two years later by a war of choice as the U.S. invaded Iraq on false claims that Saddam Hussein was hiding weapons of mass destruction.

Thus opened the deep,

deadly mineshaft of "forever wars."

Convulsions ran through the Middle East and U.S. foreign policy — long a force for ballast — gave way to a head-snapping change from Bush to Obama to Trump. Trust in America's

leadership and reliability waned.

Other parts of the world were not immune. Far-right populist movements coursed through Europe. Britain voted to break away from the European Union. China steadily ascended in the global pecking order.

Now, President Joe Biden is trying to restore trust, but there is no easy path. He is ending war, but what comes next?

In Afghanistan in August, the Taliban seized control with menacing swiftness as the Afghan government and security forces that the U.S. and its allies had spent two decades trying to build collapsed. No steady hand was evident from the U.S. in the disorganized evacuation of Afghans desperately trying to flee the country. In the United States, the 2001 attacks had set loose a bloodlust cry for revenge. A swath of American society embraced the binary outlook articulated by Bush — "Either you are with us, or you are with the terrorists" — and has never let go of it.

Factionalism hardened, in school board fights, on Facebook posts, and in national politics, so that opposing views were treated as propaganda from mortal enemies. The concept

of enemy also evolved, to include immigrants as well as terrorists.

The patriot under threat became a personal and political identity. Trump would harness it to help him win the presidency.

For the U.S., the presidencies since Bush's wars have been marked by an effort to pull back the military from the conflicts of the Middle East and Central Asia.

The perception of a U.S. retreat has allowed Russia and China to gain influence in the regions and left U.S. allies struggling to understand Washington's place in the world.

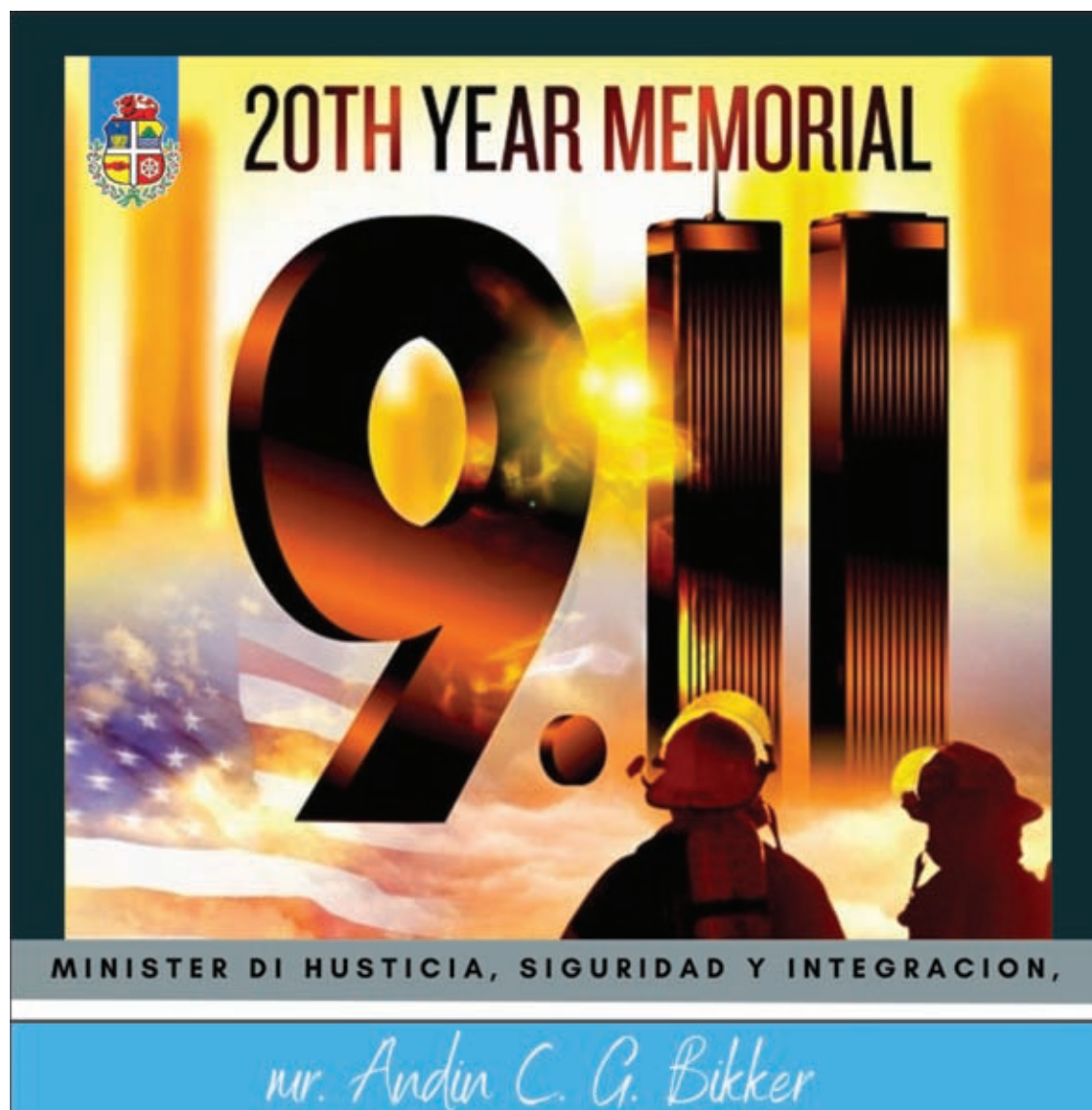
The notion that 9/11 would create an enduring unity of interest to combat terrorism collided with rising nationalism and a U.S. president, Trump, who spoke disdainfully of the NATO allies that in 2001 had rallied to America's cause.

Globally, U.S.-led forces weakened al-Qaida, which has failed to launch a major attack on the West since 2005. The Iraq invasion rid the world of a murderous dictator in Saddam. Yet deadly chaos soon followed his overthrow. The Bush administration, in its nation-building haste, had failed to plan for keeping order, leaving Islamist extremists and rival militias to fight for dominance.

Today, the legacies of 9/11 ripple both in obvious and unusual ways.

Most directly, millions of people in the U.S. and Europe go about their public business under the constant gaze of security cameras while other surveillance tools scoop up private communications. The government layered post-9/11 bureaucracies on to law enforcement to support the expansive security apparatus.

Militarization is more evident now, from large cities to small towns that now own military vehicles and weapons that seem well out of proportion to any terrorist threat. Government offices have become fortifications; airports a security maze. □



Biden calls Xi as U.S.-China relationship grows more fraught

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Joe Biden spoke with China's Xi Jinping on Thursday amid growing frustration on the American side that high-level engagement between the two leaders' top advisers has been largely unfruitful in the early going of the Biden presidency.

Biden initiated the call with Xi, the second between the two leaders since Biden took office. It comes at a moment when there is no shortage of thorny issues between the two nations, including cybersecurity breaches originating from China, Beijing's handling of the coronavirus pandemic and what the White House has labeled as "coercive and unfair" trade practices by the Chinese.

But Biden's aim with the 90-minute call was less focused on any of those hot-button issues and instead centered on discussing the way ahead for the U.S.-China relationship after it got off to a decidedly rocky start in his tenure.

The White House said in a statement the "two leaders had a broad, strategic discussion in which they discussed areas where our interests converge, and areas where our interests, values, and perspectives diverge."

The White House is hopeful the two sides can work



President Joe Biden arrives to speak in the State Dining Room at the White House, Thursday, Sept. 9, 2021, in Washington.

together on issues of mutual concern —including climate change and preventing a nuclear crisis on the Korean Peninsula — despite growing differences. Beijing, however, has pushed back against U.S. pressure and increasingly has suggested it could remain broadly uncooperative until Biden dials down criticism on what it deems Chinese internal matters. Xi in the call appeared to echo some of the complaints, telling Biden that U.S. government policy toward China caused "serious difficulties" in relations, the official Xinhua News Agency reported.

"This is not in the basic in-

terests of the two peoples," the Chinese leader said, according to Xinhua.

"Chinese-U.S. confrontation will bring disaster to both countries and the world," Xi added.

Xi said the two sides should cooperate on climate change, epidemic prevention, economic recovery and other issues, Xinhua reported.

Ahead of the call, a senior administration official said the White House has been unsatisfied with early engagements with the Chinese. The official, who was not authorized to comment publicly and spoke on the condition of anonymity, said White House officials

were hopeful that Xi hearing directly from Biden could prove beneficial.

The White House official said Biden made clear to Xi that he had no intention of moving away from his administration's policy of pressing China on human rights, trade and other areas where it believes China is acting outside international norms.

Last week, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi warned Biden climate envoy John Kerry that deteriorating U.S.-China relations could undermine cooperation on climate change. Wang told Kerry, who was visiting Tianjin for climate talks with his Chinese counterparts,

by video link that such cooperation cannot be separated from the broader relationship and called on the U.S. to take steps to improve ties, according to the Foreign Ministry.

In July, Deputy Secretary of State Wendy Sherman faced a long list of demands and complaints, including accusations that the U.S. was trying to contain and suppress China's development. Vice Foreign Minister Xie Feng urged the U.S. "to change its highly misguided mindset and dangerous policy."

In March, Secretary of State Antony Blinken and White House national security adviser Jake Sullivan had heated exchanges with Chinese Communist Party foreign affairs chief Yang Jiechi when they met with top Chinese officials in Anchorage. At that meeting, Yang accused the U.S. of failing to deal with its own human rights problems and took issue with what he said was American hypocrisy.

Administration officials suspect that some of the rhetoric in those high-profile meetings was more about playing to a domestic audience through the press than sending a message to the White House. With that in mind, Biden highlighted the importance of two leaders ability to have private conversations and be clear about their priorities, the administration official said. □

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U.S. investigating airlines over slow refunds during pandemic

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Transportation Department is detailing efforts it says it is making to help airline customers who were wrongfully denied refunds after flights were canceled or changed during the pandemic.

The department says in a new report that it investigated 20 airlines over failures to issue prompt refunds to customers, and 18 of those probes are still going. The department

disclosed that an examination into United Airlines was dropped in January after the airline took steps resulting in "thousands" of customers getting refunds. In June, the department announced that it was seeking a \$25.5 million fine against Air Canada, saying the airline improperly delayed refunds for more than 5,000 passengers by up to 13 months. The airline is fighting the penalty.

The Transportation Depart-

ment did not identify the other 18 airlines still under investigation in Thursday's report to the White House, but a footnote identified 10 U.S. carriers and 15 foreign ones — a who's who of the industry — that it contacted about the matter last year.

The department says it received about 30,000 complaints over airline refunds. The agency says at least nine airlines changed their policies to clarify that



In this April 29, 2021 photo, travelers use the self-service kiosk to check in and pay for luggage at the American Airlines terminal in Miami.

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passengers are entitled to refunds, not just travel vouchers, when the airline

cancels their flight or significantly changes the flight's schedule. □

DoorDash, Grubhub, Uber Eats sue NYC over pandemic fee caps

By MICHELLE CHAPMAN
AP Business Writer

Three of the nation's largest food delivery companies are suing New York City over a limit on fees it put in place during the pandemic to protect restaurants devastated by the forced closure of their dining rooms.

The city has continued to extend those caps even as vaccinations allow more indoor dining which, according to the companies, cost them millions of dollars over the summer.

In the suit filed late Thursday the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, DoorDash, Grubhub and Uber Eats call the fee caps government overreach. The companies say they were "instrumental in keeping restaurants afloat and food industry workers employed" after investing millions of dollars in relief for those businesses.

They are filing for an injunction that would prevent the city from enforcing an extension on the fee caps adopted in August.

The companies are seeking unspecified monetary damages as well as a jury trial. New York Law Department spokesman Nicholas Paolucci said in an email that the city's initiative is legally sound and will be de-



In this April 21, 2021 file photo, a delivery man bikes with a food bag from Grubhub in New York. Associated Press

fended in court.

The city of New York first enacted the price cap in May 2020 in response to the pandemic, limiting the rate that third-party platforms could charge restaurants at 15% of an online order for delivery services, and 5% for all other services, including marketing.

Last month, New York City Council passed a handful of bills it said would help small restaurants, like prohibiting some third-party delivery service charges and mandating that their phone numbers are listed

on those delivery sites.

It also pushed forward an extension on the fee caps that would not expire until at least early next year.

Food delivery services, Grubhub, DoorDash and Uber Eats among them, that experienced explosive growth during the pandemic are increasingly clashing with local governments who say restaurants and consumers are getting hit with exorbitant fees and high costs.

Last month Chicago officials accused DoorDash and Grubhub of harming

the city's restaurants and their customers by charging high fees and through other deceptive practices. Delivery companies have been the target of legal authorities in other cities and states before, but those efforts have targeted specific policies compared to Chicago's attack on numerous elements of the companies' operations. The companies called Chicago's lawsuits baseless.

San Francisco's district attorney has accused delivery companies of violating California law by classifying

drivers as contractors. And Washington, D.C., reached a settlement with DoorDash in 2019 after alleging the company misled customers about how much drivers received in tips.

The Massachusetts attorney general's office in July filed a lawsuit accusing Grubhub of charging restaurants illegally high fees during the pandemic. The state had capped fees for much of 2020.

In the lawsuit filed late Thursday, Grubhub, DoorDash and Uber Eats argue that New York city has continually pushed back the expiration date of the price caps and that now there's no date at all, making them permanent. They also claim that the law has cost them "hundreds of millions of dollars" through July.

"The ordinance is unconstitutional because, among other things, it interferes with freely negotiated contracts between platforms and restaurants by changing and dictating the economic terms on which a dynamic industry operates," the lawsuit states.

Food delivery companies, despite soaring revenues, have delivered mixed economic results even as they were transformed into a critical service during the pandemic. □



In this Thursday, Dec. 21, 2017 file photo, Anissa Weier, one of two Wisconsin girls who tried to kill a classmate to win favor with a fictional horror character named Slender Man, is led into the Waukesha County Court for her sentencing hearing, in Waukesha, Wis.

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By TODD RICHMOND
Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — A Wisconsin woman who admitted to helping stab

a classmate to please the horror character Slender Man will be freed Monday from a mental health institution, a judge ruled Friday.

Woman who admitted to Slender Man attack to be freed Monday

Anissa Weier, 19, will be released after spending almost four years at the Winnebago Mental Health Institute in Oshkosh. A conditional release plan calls for her to live with her father, submit to around-the-clock GPS monitoring and receive psychiatric treatment from county health workers.

Weier and a friend, Morgan Geyser, both were committed to Winnebago after pleading guilty to stabbing sixth-grade classmate Payton Leutner when they were all 12 years old. Geyser stabbed Leutner multiple times as Weier urged her on. Leutner suffered

19 stab stab wounds — including one that narrowly missed her heart — and barely survived.

Waukesha County Judge Michael Bohren said the conditions of Weier's release were fair and the plan "provides for the protection of the community" as well as for Leutner and for Weier herself.

Weier, dressed in a dark suit and smiling occasionally, said nothing during the 20-minute proceeding. The judge delayed her release until Monday after her attorney, Maura McMahon, said the mental health facility would be able to better process her release af-

ter the weekend.

"She looks forward to moving on into a productive life," McMahon told the judge.

Deputy District Attorney Ted Szczupakiewicz said he had no objections to the release conditions. Leutner's family declined to speak. The attack happened in May 2014, after Weier and Geyser invited Leutner to a sleepover.

The next day they lured Leutner into the woods at a Waukesha park. Weier and Geyser left Leutner for dead, but she managed to crawl out of the woods and a passing bicyclist found her. □

Spain arrests Venezuelan spymaster wanted on U.S. drug charges

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Associated Press Writers

MADRID (AP) — Police in Madrid on Thursday arrested a former Venezuelan spymaster wanted on U.S. narcoterrorism charges, capturing him in a hide-out apartment nearly two years after he defied a Spanish extradition order and disappeared.

Gen. Hugo Carvajal, who for over a decade was late Venezuelan leader Hugo Chavez's eyes and ears in the Venezuelan military, was arrested in the small apartment in which he had been holed up.

"He lived totally enclosed, never going outside or getting close to the window, always protected by people he trusted," Spain's police said in a statement on social media in which they posted a short video the moment heavily-armed officers put handcuffs on Carvajal.

Spain's leftist government last year approved Carvajal's extradition to the U.S., where he faces federal charges for allegedly working with guerrillas from the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia to "flood" the U.S. with cocaine.

The extradition order followed a back-and-forth legal battle in which Spain's National Court reversed an earlier ruling by a high



In this Sept. 15, 2019 file photo, former Venezuelan military spy chief, retired Maj. Gen. Hugo Carvajal, walks out of prison in Estremera on the outskirts of Madrid, Spain.

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court magistrate throwing out the U.S. warrant for being politically motivated. In the interim, Carvajal was released and never heard from again except when he said last year that he was going underground to protest what he viewed as political interference in his case.

He resurfaced on social media earlier this month, posting with little notice what could be a preview of his eventual defense: a statement accusing former Colombian President Álvaro Uribe, who was for years

the U.S.' main caretaker in the war on drugs, of "fabricating" evidence against him and the Chávez government even as it was co-operating with U.S. prosecutors to arrest Colombian narcos hiding inside Venezuela.

"It's a lie that will eventually collapse," Carvajal wrote. "I've always trusted that the truth will prevail."

It's not clear when Carvajal could be sent to the U.S. But his extradition may be slowed down by an asylum request he previously submitted to Spanish authori-

ties.

"I'm prepared for either situation, the good or the bad," Carvajal's wife, Angélica Flores, told The Associated Press when contacted by phone with the news. "It's up to him and others to give statements. This case will continue and we'll see how it ends."

Nicknamed "El Pollo" ("The Chicken"), Carvajal has been a bete noire of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration for over a decade.

First indicted in 2011, he narrowly escaped extradition when he was arrested

in Aruba in 2014 while serving as Venezuela's consul general to the Dutch Caribbean island. President Nicolás Maduro's government successfully applied pressure on Aruba, which sits just miles off Venezuela's coast, to release Carvajal and when it did he received a hero's welcome upon his return to Caracas. But he was never a confidant of Maduro and in the complicated internal politics of Venezuela's ruling socialist party was relegated to a minor role as a backbench parliamentarian.

In 2019, after opposition leader Juan Guaidó led a street uprising and quickly won the U.S.' recognition as Venezuela's legitimate leader, Carvajal then openly rejected the government, urging members of the military to break with Maduro. While on the run, both from the DEA and Maduro, Carvajal traveled to the Spanish capital from the Dominican Republic under a disguised identity. He was greeted at Madrid's airport by two Spanish intelligence officials, the AP has previously reported. From Europe, Carvajal had hoped to leverage contacts and knowledge of the Venezuelan deep state to mount a military-backed rebellion against Maduro. □

Queen's London representative says royals back BLM movement

By DANICA KIRKA

Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Queen Elizabeth II and the royal family back the Black Lives Matter movement, one of her senior representatives said in a television interview to be broadcast Friday. Philanthropist Kenneth Olisa, the first Black Lord Lieutenant of Greater London, told Channel 4 News that he had discussed the issue with members of the royal family since George Floyd died in police custody in the United States last year, sparking global protests over racial injustice. Asked if they supported

the movement, the philanthropist and businessman who is the monarch's

personal representative in Greater London said: "The answer is easily yes."



In this Thursday July 8, 2021 file photo, Britain's Queen Elizabeth visits the set of the long running television series Coronation Street, in Manchester, England.

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"I have discussed with the Royal Household this whole issue of race, particularly in the last 12 months since the George Floyd incident," he said in excerpts from the interview released before the broadcast. "It's a hot conversation topic. The question is what more can we do to bind society to remove these barriers. They (the royals) care passionately about making this one nation bound by the same values."

The comments come as Buckingham Palace struggles to combat suggestions of racism raised by the Duke and Duchess

of Sussex, also known as Prince Harry and Meghan, during a March interview with Oprah Winfrey.

Meghan, who is biracial, said an unidentified member of the royal family had raised "concerns" about the color of her baby's skin before she gave birth to her first child. The couple also alleged that Meghan was the victim of callous treatment during her time as a working royal.

Prince William, Harry's older brother, was forced to respond after reporters shouted questions at him during a visit to an East London school. □

U.N. report: Afghanistan teeters on brink of universal poverty

By **EDITH M. LEDERER**

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Afghanistan is teetering on the brink of “universal poverty” that could become a reality in the middle of next year unless urgent efforts are made to bolster local communities and their economies, the United Nations development agency said in a report launched Thursday.

It said the Taliban takeover of Afghanistan has put 20 years of steady economic gains at risk.

The U.N. Development Program outlined four scenarios for Afghanistan following the Taliban’s takeover that project the country’s GDP will decline between 3.6% and 13.2% in the next fiscal year starting in June 2022, depending on the intensity of the crisis and how much the world engages with the Taliban. That is in sharp contrast to the expected 4% growth in GDP before the Taliban assumed power for a second time on Aug. 15. “Afghanistan pretty much faces universal poverty by the middle of next year,” Kanni Wignaraja, UNDP’s Asia-Pacific director, told a news conference launch-



A Taliban soldier guards the Panjshir gate in Panjshir province northeastern of Afghanistan, Wednesday, Sept. 8, 2021.

ing its 28-page assessment. “That’s where we’re heading it’s 97-98% (poverty rate) no matter how you work these projections.” Currently, Afghanistan’s poverty rate is 72%.. UNDP pointed to many development gains over the last 20 years that are now at risk of being reversed: Per capita income more than doubled; life expectancy at birth was extended by

about nine years; and the number of years of schooling rose from six to 10 with hundreds of thousands of girls getting an education denied under the Taliban’s previous rule from 1996 to 2001. Wignaraja said Afghanistan now faces “a humanitarian and development disaster” resulting from political instability, frozen foreign reserves, a collapsed public

finance system, “a crush on local banking because of this,” as well as the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. UNDP said Afghanistan’s foreign reserves now cover just one week of imports, which the country is heavily reliant on for oil, food and machinery. Abdallah Al Dardari, UNDP’s representative in Afghanistan, said that by the time the Taliban took over,

“the Afghan population was already on the brink of collapse economically and socially.”

With universal poverty looming, he said, the most important thing is saving livelihoods, which can also save lives.

He said UNDP has put together a package for local communities to support livelihoods, to support jobs for young men and women and to reach households with disabled people and men and women over age 65. UNDP also wants to make sure it reaches the 65,000 enterprises in Afghanistan owned by women, and that a million young men and women find jobs, he said.

“All of this will reach about 9 million Afghans,” Al Dardari said in a video briefing from Istanbul. “Most importantly, we preserve through this package 20 years of economic and social development in Afghanistan.” He said “70% and more of the Afghan economy is made up of informal activities and 70% of that sector is owned by women, and therefore we need to focus on women in Afghanistan to prevent poverty.” □

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Strong typhoon increases in force as it heads toward Taiwan

By **DAVID RISING**

Associated Press

BANGKOK (AP) — A strong typhoon skirted past most of the Philippines on Friday but appeared to be gaining strength as it headed directly for Taiwan this weekend, forecasters said. The Philippine meteorological agency said Typhoon Chanthu was on the cusp of becoming a category 5 “super typhoon” with sustained winds of 215 kilometers per hour (134 mph) at its center and gusts up to 265 kph (165 mph) as it moved past the extreme northeastern portion of Cagayan province. A super typhoon is one with sustained winds of 220 kph (137 mph) or more.

Landfall was still not ruled out for Cagayan and authorities warned that even

if the eye of the storm remained off the coast, it could bring flash floods and landslides, as well as gale to storm-force winds on shore, and cause extremely rough seas.

“Mariners are advised to remain in port or take shelter in port until winds and waves subside,” the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration said.

Current forecasts are that it will most likely hit the east coast of Taiwan on Sunday morning, with the potential of hitting the island head-on if it tacks more to the west, or missing it entirely if it veers to the east.

Taiwan’s Central Weather Bureau has issued a typhoon warning as it tracks the storm.

The bureau said high waves were expected along Taiwan’s southern coast and in the Bashi Channel between its southern tip and the northernmost island in the Philippines.

“The likelihood that this typhoon will reach super typhoon category is not ruled out,” the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration said in its Friday evening bulletin.

“On Sunday, weakening trend may begin as the typhoon interacts with the rugged terrain of Taiwan but will remain within typhoon category.”

The agency added that “public and disaster risk reduction and management offices concerned are advised to take all necessary measures to protect life

and property.”

On its current course, the typhoon is not expected to hit mainland China but has the potential to by Monday if it moves more westward than currently expected.

Typhoons are called hurricanes in the North Atlantic, central North Pacific and eastern North Pacific, but are the same weather phenomenon. □



Motorists cross a bridge as the river starts to swell due to approaching typhoon Chanthu in Cauayan, Isabela province, northern Philippines, Friday Sept. 10, 2021.

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Mexico takes major step toward depenalizing abortion

By MARÍA VERZA

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Susana Dueñas could hardly believe the news: Mexico's Supreme Court had decided that abortion could not be considered a crime. The 38-year-old woman from central Mexico had spent six and a half years in prison on just that charge.

The court ruled unanimously Tuesday that parts of a law in the northern border state of Coahuila criminalizing abortion were unconstitutional. The decision immediately compels judges across the nation to consider cases with that ruling in mind. And there are thousands of open cases in Mexico against women accused of illegal abortions. Dueñas comes from the conservative state of Guanajuato, one of the 28 states that still outlaws abortion with some limited exceptions.

"It was moving to think that there aren't going to be (more) women like us" people jailed for abortions Dueñas said. She was one of nine Guanajuato women released from prison in September 2010, not because the state declared them innocent, but because their sentences were reduced with help from an activist organization.

Dueñas was 19 in 2004, when she said she felt like something had detached inside her, went to the bathroom and then went to the hospital. She said she had miscarried, but hospital workers accused her of trying to terminate her pregnancy and called police. Two detectives stood at the foot of her bed until she was released into their custody. She was later convicted of homicide by a judge and sentenced to 20 years. Cellmates bullied her



In this Sept. 28, 2020 file photo, a woman holds a banner reading, in Spanish, "Legal, safe, and free abortion, legalize and decriminalize abortion now, for the independence and autonomy of our bodies," as abortion-rights protesters demonstrate in front of the National Congress on the "Day for Decriminalization of Abortion in Latin America and the Caribbean," in Mexico City.

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in prison because of the charge, she said.

Tuesday's decision will not immediately result in legal abortion being available across Mexico, experts say. The Roman Catholic Church remains a powerful factor, especially in more conservative states.

Only four Mexican states Mexico City, Oaxaca, Veracruz and Hidalgo now allow abortion in most circumstances.

On Thursday, the Supreme Court made another critical decision, ruling that the local constitution in the western state of Sinaloa violated Mexico's constitution by defending life from the moment of conception and thereby ignoring women's rights. Some 20 such state constitutions include similar provisions.

On Wednesday, Mexican bishops said that the Supreme Court's decision displayed a "dangerous and disproportionate contrast" between the defense of women's rights and the rights of the unborn. Anti-abortion organizations demonstrated in downtown Mexico City, projecting images of fetuses on the walls of the Supreme Court building and the sound of a heartbeat.

Verónica Cruz, director of "The Free," a nongovern-

mental organization that fought to free Dueñas and the other women, estimated that it could take another five years to change criminal codes state by state. There are currently no women imprisoned in Mexico for abortion, but there are approximately 4,600 open cases across the country, Cruz said.

Supreme Court President Arturo Zaldívar said Wednesday that public attorneys would be made available to defend those women. Cruz said the most useful step would be simply closing the cases.

The journey to this moment began nearly a century ago, in the 1930s, when there were proposals to have the state regulate abortion, wrote anthropologist and feminist Marta Lamas in a 2009 piece in Nueva Sociedad magazine. Another big push to decriminalize abortion in Mexico followed in the 1970s.

But it was not until 2007 that Mexico City became the first jurisdiction in Mexico to make abortion legal. By that time, Dueñas had already been in prison for three years, more than 200 miles from the capital.

Critics of the capital's move to legalize abortion filed challenges, but the

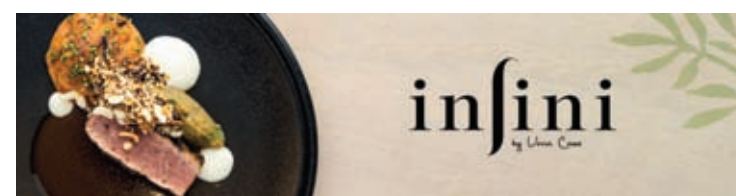
Supreme Court then more conservative than the current one ruled that it was constitutional.

Constitutional reforms promising greater human rights followed, as well as training for lawyers and judges more oriented to-

ward human rights and gender issues as the problem of femicides drew condemnation from international human rights agencies. Tuesday's decision resulted from a case filed in 2017 by then federal Attorney General Raúl Cervantes challenging the Coahuila law as unconstitutional.

"How great that now after so many years of fighting, of sharing our experiences, it's been achieved," Dueñas said from her home in Santa Teresa, Guanajuato, where for years she was shunned by conservative neighbors. "Women and their rights must be respected." The circumstances of Dueñas' release still bother her, because she was never cleared of the criminal charge. Back then, her priority was winning her release as soon as possible, so her lawyers pursued the sentence reduction rather than appealing the conviction.

Now she wants to have her name cleared. "I would like them to say they made a mistake," she said. □



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9/11: A Memory TWENTY YEARS AGO...

ORANJESTAD - Aruba Today received this letter from Christina Stanton, who would like to share with you her story of 9/11, twenty years ago.

We were in love with our new apartment in New York City, especially the 300-square foot terrace with its panoramic views of Lower Manhattan. Because we lived on the 24th floor, it felt like we were floating in the sky. A licensed tour guide, I was thrilled to be living in the heart of the historic Financial District. I had taken thousands of tourists over the years to the World Trade Center complex, where we would take the 82-second elevator ride to the observatory on the 107th floor and enjoy views that stretched 45 miles in every direction. Life seemed perfect for me and Brian, my husband of just more than a year. Just like the Twin Towers that stretched a quarter mile into the clouds, it felt like the sky was the limit for us.

But just two months after we moved into our dream apartment, Brian shook me awake, shouting something about the World Trade Center. I jumped out of bed and followed him to the terrace. Thick black smoke was rolling out of the North Tower, just six blocks away. Emergency vehicles raced down the West Side Highway—lights flashing, sirens blaring. I looked down to the street. People were running in all directions, some directly into traffic. Suddenly, something caught my eye. I saw a plane flying low—too low. With a deafening roar, the jet swooped like a hawk and banked to the left, its nose pointed straight at the South Tower. We felt, rather than saw, the impact. One moment we were stand-

ing on the terrace, and the next I woke up on the living room floor. Our apartment in the sky suddenly felt very vulnerable. Brian grabbed our dog, Gabriel, and we raced to the stairwell. After galloping down the 24 flights, I opened the exit door to the street. Only then did I realize I was barefoot and wearing my nightgown. My husband gave me his socks to protect my feet, and we joined the crowds running away from the burning buildings. Hopscotching through traffic, we made our way to Battery Park. But not long after we found a bench to rest on, the ground began to shake violently. I heard a rumble like a freight train, and thousands of people in the park began screaming as we realized that one of the towers was falling. I froze in terror as a mass of something hit me in the face. It felt like someone had thrown a bucket of sticky sand over me; gunk filled my nose and mouth, covered my pajamas, and coated every pore of unprotected skin.

I opened my eyes slowly, trying to protect them from whatever was on my eyelids. Brian hadn't moved, but he looked completely different—like an upright mummy. Everyone around us was covered in the same sticky, yellow goo. Dodging thick clouds of smoke blowing directly into the park, we took cover by an old fort and hugged its stone wall, trying to catch our breath. Gabriel flopped on the ground exhausted. Coated in gunk, struggling to breathe, we realized we were stranded at the tip of Manhattan Island with no obvious escape route. "Brian, do you think we're going to die?" I asked, shocked that my life might be over at age 31. "Maybe," Brian replied sad-



ly. He grabbed my hands, and we prayed to God together. After the prayer, Brian led us north. As we tried to find a way to safety, the second tower fell with another earth-shattering thunder, sending even more clouds of smoke and gunk into the atmosphere. We eventually found ourselves on the banks of the Hudson River along with thousands of others who had congregated at the water's edge. At some point, we realized that boats of all shapes and sizes were headed our way, even though we were not near any loading dock or ferry terminal. We followed a crowd and were able to board a ferry that had pulled up to the edge of a pedestrian walkway. A wave of relief washed over me as we chugged away from the shore. After three hours of terror, we were off the island. As our boat set sail across the Hudson, I looked back at the Manhattan skyline. The Twin Towers were gone, the New York City skyline forever altered.

It was weeks before we

could return to our apartment. When we finally got back home, I worked up the courage to step out on the terrace. The beautiful, awe-inspiring Twin Towers were gone, replaced by a gaping black hole and a pile of rubble. I'm still a New York City tour guide, and I still take tourists to the World Trade Center site. But now I tour them through the 9/11 memorial and the museum, where I stop at the reflecting pools and tell my story. I share my experience because thousands of others cannot. The September 11, 2001, attacks in New York City and on the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., remain the most deadly acts of terrorism in world history. The attacks were unprecedented in terms of scope, magnitude, and impact. Almost 3,000 people died in the attacks that day, including people from more than 90 countries around the world. More than 6,000 people were injured, and people are still suffering and dying from cancer and other illnesses related to exposure from toxins released when the Twin Towers crumbled.

Physically, it took New York City years to fully rebuild the areas that were damaged on 9/11, but the emotional effects of that day can never be fully repaired. As we commemorate the 20th anniversary of 9/11, may our memories of how much we lost that terrible day inspire us to work toward unity, mutual respect, and world peace. As the COVID-19 pandemic has shown us, we are a global community whose lives depend on and affect each other. May we never forget the ties that bind us.

Christina Ray Stanton is a Florida native who has lived in New York City for almost 30 years. Christina is a licensed NYC tour guide who has led thousands of people on tours since 1995, specializing in the 9/11 Memorial and 9/11 History. Christina has written two books and over twenty articles that have won awards and have been featured on TV channels and in top publications all over the world. She is a sought-after speaker on 9/11. □

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Dive into 'Five- Senses dinner' with the Ritz-Carlton, Aruba: Five scrumptious courses, five excellent wines, one amazing price

PALM BEACH — The Ritz-Carlton, Aruba is equivalent to heaven for foodies when it comes to their culinary offerings. This weekend you still have the unique opportunity to experience a taste bud tickling event: the exclusive 'Five -Senses Wine Pairing Tasting Menu'. In the elegant, stylish, classic-modern setting of the well-known BLT Steak restaurant you will be pampered like a royal. At the Ritz-Carlton, Aruba it is not only genuine attention you receive, but with this marvelous dinner, you will be taken to the next level.

For \$ 135 (including five superb wines) you are entering a gastronomic embrace starting off with the famous home-baked bread, the Popover of the luxurious resort, a true delight. Under the experienced eye of restaurant manager Wiebe de Roos the Ladies & Gentlemen of the Ritz-Carlton, Aruba will be serving you an appetizer trio including grilled oysters from Canada, slightly sweet and highlighted with a Jack Daniel's Chipotle-Herb Butter. The Sourdough Bruschetta is all the way chef-made and served with a lo-



cal Burrata cheese and garden picked Heirloom Tomato. The Steak Roll is the third of the trio and honestly a gastronomic treat. With the beginning of your dining at this upscale level the Ritz-Carlton, Aruba will keep going up and take you on a continuous journey to show you why they are a prestigious resort offering the best for the best. The main course is built up strong by three mouthwatering meats. Dry Aged Strip Loin, Wagyu Picaña and Wagyu Tenderloin are paired perfectly with red wines from the house of Bodega Catena Zapata in the Argentinian wine area Mendoza. Baby Glazed Carrots and Grilled Asparagus accompany the cuts, prepared to perfection. The tasting menu will leave you fulfilled as you are indeed diving into all your senses with not one, but three different magnificent meats for the main course. You might not have left any space for a sweet goodbye, but we do challenge you to indulge into the savory dessert of this menu: Sour Cherry Pistachio Mousse. We can only conclude that the Ritz-Carlton, Aruba takes it up a notch, as always, but this time taking you and your wallet by surprise.

For reservations please call: 5972049 or 5272222. Seating is limited; make sure you guarantee your participation. □





ORANJESTAD - During a press conference on August 9, 2021, Prime Minister Evelyn Wever-Croes announced the list of ministers that comprises Cabinet Wever-Croes II.

After two months of the formation of the new government, Aruba now has its new ministers for the next government.

Vanessa Tjon-Kock, the current Chief of Police and wife of Mr. Tjon, will leave her function temporarily during this cabinet period

and will hold another position. This is to avoid any impression of conflict of interest and is essential in the framework of integrity. Guilfred Besaril of the MEP party will stay as Plenipotentiary Minister in the Netherlands. Especially, given the negotiations with the Netherlands and law processes in the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the continuity of his function is currently significant. His appointment follows a different procedure, and he will be sworn in one day after the ministers.

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Minister	Portfolio	Political party
Evelyna C. Wever-Croes	Minister of General Affairs, Innovation, Government Organization, Infrastructure and Spatial Planning, also Prime Minister	MEP
Geoffrey B. Wever	Minister of Economic Affairs, Communications, Sustainable Development	RAIZ
Ursell M. Arends	Minister for Integrity, Nature, Transport and Care for the Elderly	RAIZ
Xiomara J. Maduro	Minister of Finance and Culture	MEP
Rocco G. Tjon	Minister of Justice and Social Affairs	MEP
Glenbert F. Croes	Minister for Labor, Integration and Energy	MEP
Danguillaume P. Oduber	Minister for Health and Tourism	MEP
Endy J. H. Croes	Minister of education and sports	MEP

Parliament

The President of Parliament is Mr. Edgar Vrolijk of the MEP party. He will preside over parliament for the coming four years.

Due to the COVID-19 situation, the sworn-in ceremony will be different. It will take place at the Cas Ceremonial of the Governor and will be transmitted. Next, the ministers will head

to the government building for the first meeting of the Council of Ministers. Council of Ministers will approve the assignment of the Plenipotentiary Minister, for him to be sworn in later. □

Watch 'Ask Pilar': our videos show you the other Aruba

ORANJESTAD — Aruba Today offers a series of videos 'Ask Pilar' on their Facebook page Aruba Today and on the website www.arubatoday.com. Since the start, October 2019, more than 20 videos have been created. Let us introduce to you this project and present the people behind it.

Why a video? Besides offering our free daily newspaper, posts on Facebook and Instagram and our website content, we started evaluating the plans for short video's about a year ago. The concept was created by Editor-in-Chief Linda Reijnders to add variety to the product Aruba Today. "There is more to this island than palm trees and beaches and in our videos we wish to inform and educate the visitor by showing local places and characters of any kind. We are all new to this, the goal is not to deliver a technical perfect result, more to motivate our visitors with the places we visit as well as transmitting the good en-

ergy coming from it." As the title of the video 'Ask Pilar' already shows, the viewer has the opportunity to actually ask about the topics shown, or even suggest a location for a video. Just ask our host Pilar on Facebook and we will let you know.

The team

Pilar Flores, 35- years- old, is the jolly host of 'Ask Pilar'. She loves doing the videos because she gets to know many interesting places and meet a lot of nice people. "I hope with it that people will get to know and love Aruba the way us locals do." The one capturing the images with his camera and editing them is our videographer Juan Luis Pinto Sotter, Marketing Major at the University of Aruba. "I chose marketing because I wanted a career that kept me physically and mentally active. As a marketer there is a lot of moving around, I can't begin to imagine what the real world will be like." Video Director of 'Ask Pilar' is Linda Reijnders,



Sales of Aruba Today. "I love working in the media, I love to write, create, connect, inform and educate. Working with young, talented and motivated people like Juan Luis and Pilar is a blessing to me. We really enjoy making these Aruba Peeks and we surely hope that rubs off on the viewer."

Corona Street Talk

During the pandemic a new series of videos was launched, dedicated to the COVID-19 crisis where we show people in their daily life during the corona time. Take a look on the website and social media for this new series called Corona Street Talk. Check us out on Facebook Aruba Today or the website www.arubatoday.com and do not forget to like and share! Thank you for your support. □



ORANJESTAD - Cas di torto (also called cas di lodo or cas di bara) is a traditional building technique from Aruba. It refers to a type of houses made of mud with rounded corners. These houses were usually found around the plantations. The few structures that still exist are the oldest structures that are left standing in the country.

The technique probably came over from the Venezuelan Paraguaná Peninsula in the 18th century. Existing houses date back 150 years. Until 1925 many houses on Aruba were built using this technique, afterwards it fell into disuse. In 2005 there were 62 cas di torto houses left, of which only four were in good condition.

The skeleton of the houses is made up of round wooden poles placed with distances of 1.5 feet between them. Branches are interwoven between them, completing the structural support. On this basis, loam

is applied, mixed with sand, water and para grass. This is then coated with aloe vera juice, which gives the white colour and helps to protect against the weather.

On top of the poles pieces of wood are fitted that serve as the base for the roof beams. Until 1815 the roofing usually consisted of corn (maize) stems, afterwards the nuclei of columnar cacti were used. The floor is made of loam, mixed with cement or cow dung.

The houses were usually divided into a kitchen, a living room, a porch and a bedroom. In the kitchen would be a wooden or metal barrel for storing water that was collected in small rain ponds. Around this barrel a thick loam wall would be erected. Often large families would live in these houses; people would sleep on mats on the floor.

If you visit the Arikok National Park you will be able to see a very nice cas di torto. □

For new hires, remote work brings challenges, opportunities

By UROOBA JAMAL

Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Rebekah Ingram's remote internship has come with a series of unexpected challenges: She lacks a proper office set-up, her mother often calls for her while she works, and her dog barks during video calls.

Her situation will sound familiar to anyone who has worked from home during the coronavirus pandemic. The difference for Ingram is that she, like many other young people who started jobs in the past 18 months, hasn't spent any time in a traditional office. She speculates that remote work is "way more informal."

"It's kind of trippy because ... you're working but ... you're in your own environment," said the 22-year-old, who is interning at Like Minded Females Network, a global tech and entrepreneurship non-profit based in London.

Many 2020 graduates left school and entered a world in turmoil, with limited job prospects. Some lost work opportunities as companies canceled internships or froze hiring altogether. As restrictions have eased in many places, jobs have become easier to find, but work remains far from normal.

Most of all, many young workers say, they know they're missing out when their office is the four walls of their bedroom. They wish they had more chances for everyday social interactions with their colleagues, both to build camaraderie and to find mentors.

Sohini Sengupta, 22, had an easy transition to remote work because she was used to doing it at school, but she feels she lacks a sense of community at her job.

"When I started working, I took a look at my workplace's website and I could see photos of them taking trips together, enjoying themselves at the pool table at the office ... something I had no chance to experience," said Sengupta, who lives in Calcutta, India, and is working as a



Sonya Barlow, right, CEO of Like Minded Females Network, speaks to Rebekah Ingram, her intern, at White Mulberries, a coffee shop in London, Thursday, Sep. 2, 2021.

Associated Press

production trainee at India Today, a media outlet based in New Delhi.

Annabel Redgate, 25, a public relations account executive at PR agency TANK in Nottingham, England, began her current job in February. When pandemic-related restrictions began lifting a few months ago, she started to reach out to colleagues to meet for drinks after work. Now TANK has begun a staggered return to the office, and it's the social atmosphere she's most looking forward to.

"PR is a very personal industry, so I'm excited for the atmosphere in the office," she said.

For Maya Goldman, a 23-year old health reporter based in Washington, D.C., beginning her career remotely has meant struggling to set boundaries for herself, a process she figures she would have seen modeled by her bosses if she had been working in the office.

It was "hard to figure out ... when was appropriate to tell my bosses that I was done for the night, or when I should take lunch, and how long I should take lunch for," Goldman said. Many employers are conscious of the need to help new remote workers feel welcome.

At 9 every morning, em-

ployees at Trevelino/Keller, a marketing firm in Atlanta, participate in "Spotify at 9," where they all play the same song and talk about it on Slack. They've also held book clubs and watched TED talks virtually.

It's part of an effort to make sure "while you're waking up every day in your first career remotely, you feel like you're part of a company and you're part of our culture," said Dean Trevelino, co-founder of the firm.

Liza Streiff, CEO at Knopman Marks Financial Training, a financial education company in New York, recently held a barbecue at her place, the first in-person event for the company since the pandemic.

Many of her employees were meeting in person for the first time. It was two of the youngest workers — an intern and another worker who recently joined full-time following an internship — who told Streiff "how much this meant to them." Companies are also helping employees take advantage of mentoring opportunities they may feel they're missing out on.

Trevelino/Keller, Like Minded Females Network, and Knopman Marks have all implemented buddy programs during the pandemic, pairing new hires with more senior employees they can turn to for advice

and help navigating their companies.

Not all new employees feel they're missing out by working remotely. Many have found it easier to juggle work and life when they don't have to commute to an office every day.

For Matthew Toale, a marketing apprentice at Find Your Flex, a U.K.-based job agency, the pandemic shift to remote work had another benefit — it made networking more comfortable. As an introvert, he struggled at events and has been far more successful at online networking.

Networking online "is a lot easier for me than jumping in headfirst into a face-to-face conversation," Toale said.

As the pandemic wanes, many companies may allow employees to continue working from home, at least some of the time.

Mabel Abraham, a professor at Columbia Business School, says there's no data available yet on the possible ramifications of so many young workers starting careers remotely. She said some may experience a disconnect with bosses and other older co-workers who have had a harder time adapting to remote work.

But Suneet Dua, chief product officer at accounting giant PwC U.S., the ac-

counting firm giant, suspects the impact will be positive, both in building resilience and adaptability in young workers as well as technological advances that have been made to allow remote work.

"That's the biggest benefit for our society that we can ever imagine that we're not even seeing right now," he said. "(What) we're going to see in three to five years is going to be amazing."

There's also been some buzz about remote work offering more opportunities for diversity, but Abraham cautions that it can actually heighten workplace inequalities. That's because it may create a divide between newly hired employees from different backgrounds who may live far away and a core group of existing workers who live closer and will eventually return to the office.

The core workers "tend to be a more homogenous group, maybe more male or more white for example," she said.

Sonya Barlow, founder of the Like Minded Females Network, hires people based on skills rather than their resume or experience, mindful of the barriers to entry that some groups can face in the corporate world.

"I tend to hire people who are fresh graduates or and have taken alternative education routes," Barlow said.

One of those hires was Ingram, who was working at a grocery store when the pandemic began but dreamed of starting her own business.

Over the last few weeks, Ingram has finally had a chance to meet Barlow face-to-face, working alongside her in a co-working space or meeting with clients in coffeeshops. She's found it refreshing to get away from her home office and is hoping to build the skills she'll need to become an independent business owner.

"I would love to just get everything I can out of this internship," she said. □

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: SOME PEOPLE WITH GREAT VIRTUES ARE DISAGREEABLE, WHILE OTHERS WITH GREAT VICES ARE DELIGHTFUL — LA ROCHEFOUCAULD

Ellen DeGeneres says show is 'happy place' for final season

By LYNN ELBER

AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Ellen DeGeneres has a lot of ground to cover in the 19th and final season of her talk show, which she promises will be a "huge celebration."

She intends to salute long-time viewers, stroll down memory lane to revisit early appearances by fledgling stars such as Rihanna and Justin Bieber and celebrate the show's achievements. "This is going to be a 'thank you' to everybody, because the show doesn't happen without the support of fans," DeGeneres said during a production break on "The Ellen DeGeneres Show," which returns Monday.

Also to be spotlighted: The show's philanthropy, which included far more than product giveaways.

"We're going to check in with people that we've helped through the years (and) people that have paid it forward," DeGeneres said. That includes a Las Vegas educator who opened her own wallet



Host Ellen Degeneres appears at a taping of "The Ellen DeGeneres Show" in Burbank on Oct. 13, 2016. DeGeneres says the 19th and final season of her daytime talk show will be a thank you to fans.

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for students in need and whose school was rewarded by the show with a new library and other resources. "I want people just to really remember what the show has been," the host said. "It's been a happy place and it continues to be a happy place. And I hate that it would be remembered in any other way." That DeGeneres voices such a concern over the legacy of her greatest career success to date should be surprising for the host-comedian whose motto is

"be kind." But it's inevitable given allegations last year that the show was a toxic workplace. Three of its producers exited amid claims of an environment that harbored misbehavior, including sexual misconduct and racially insensitive remarks. DeGeneres, who made an on-air apology for "things that shouldn't have happened," also defended herself as being the same genuine person if an imperfect one on- and off-camera. □

Petersen and Fox brush off rust for 'CSI: Vegas' reunion

By BETH HARRIS

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — William Petersen and Jorja Fox are reunited and, yes, it feels so good.

The actors who first starred

together on "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation" in the early aughts are back together for "CSI: Vegas," premiering Oct. 6 on CBS. "It is at once just this sort of familiar thing in my mind

and also brand new," Fox told a virtual Television Critics gathering on Thursday. "The world, weirdly enough, is even more topsy-turvy than it was in 2000, so there's so much new happening and yet it was sort of great to be grounded with William Petersen." Like the original, the new show is set in Las Vegas. Wallace Langham and Paul Guilfoyle return in their roles, too. But there's new characters joining Petersen as Gil Grissom and Fox as Sara Sidle and updated technology to solve crimes. "I was a little rusty on all the science," Fox said. Petersen said he had trouble keeping his hand steady using a lab tool that transports liquid. □



This Sept. 16, 2015 combination file photo shows William Petersen, left and Jorja Fox at the 2015 PaleyFest Fall TV Previews in Beverly Hills, Calif.

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China limits children to 3 hours of online gaming a week

BEIJING (AP) — China is banning children from playing online games for more than three hours a week, the harshest restriction so far on the game industry as Chinese regulators continue cracking down on the technology sector.

Minors in China can only play games between 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Fridays, weekends and on public holidays starting Sept. 1, according to a notice from the National Press and Publication Administration. That limits gaming to three hours a week for most weeks of the year, down from a previous restriction set in 2019 that allowed minors play games for an hour and a half per day and three hours on public holidays.

The new regulation affects some of China's largest technology companies, including gaming giant Tencent, whose Honor of Kings online multiplayer game is hugely popular globally, as well as gaming company NetEase.

Tencent's stock price closed down 0.6% at 465.80 Hong Kong dollars on Monday ahead of the regulator's announcement. Its market capitalization of \$573 billion is down more than \$300 billion from its February peak, a decline equal to more than the total value of Nike Inc. or Pfizer Inc.

New York-listed NetEase's



A child plays with a toy gun during a promotion for online games in Beijing on Saturday, Aug. 29, 2020.

stock was down about 9% at the market's open.

The gaming restrictions are part of an ongoing crack-down on technology companies, amid concerns that technology firms — many of which provide ubiquitous messaging, payments and gaming services — may have an outsized influence on society.

Earlier this month, Tencent said it would limit gaming time for minors to an hour a day and two hours during holidays, as well as ban children under the age of 12 from making in-game purchases.

The company issued the curbs hours after a state-

affiliated newspaper criticized the gaming industry and called games "spiritual opium."

Regulators said in Monday's notice that they would strengthen supervision and increase the frequency of inspections of online game companies to ensure that they follow the regulations closely.

Chinese authorities in recent months have targeted e-commerce and online education, and have implemented new regulations to curb anti-competitive behavior after years of rapid growth in the technology sector.

Last month, authorities

banned companies that provide tutoring in core school subjects from making a profit, wiping out billions in market value from online education companies such as TAL Education and Gaotu Techedu. □

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U.S. Soccer president asks men, women to equalize FIFA money

By **RONALD BLUM**

AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP)—The head of the U.S. Soccer Federation asked the unions of the women's and men's national teams to agree to equalize FIFA's World Cup prize money on their own. USSF President Cindy Parlow Cone sent an open letter Friday making the request, which called for the men's national team to allow the USSF to reallocate a portion of FIFA's World Cup payments to the federation to the women's team.

"We see an opportunity to create change," Parlow Cone wrote. "We need our men's and women's national teams to come together and re-think how we've done things in the past. To that end, we have invited the players and both players' associations to join U.S. Soccer in negotiating a solution together that equalizes World Cup prize money between the USMNT and USWNT."

"Finding a framework that works for everyone will require open and thoughtful conversations and sincere commitment from USMNT and USWNT players to come together. Until FIFA equalizes the prize money that it awards to the men's and women's World Cup participants, it is incumbent upon us to collectively find



OL Reign forward Megan Rapinoe, left, celebrates with Eugenie Le Sommer, right, after scoring a goal on a penalty kick against the Portland Thorns during the first half of an NWSL soccer match, Sunday, Aug. 29, 2021, in Seattle. The goal was Rapinoe's second during the first half.

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a solution."

FIFA and the men's union did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

"Letters to fans are not a substitute," Molly Levinson, a spokeswoman for the women players, said in a statement. "It's time to back up a whole lot of words with actions."

Parlow Cone said the USSF will be offering both unions the same contract, which she said the USSF had done in the past. The union for the women's team agreed

to a deal with differing benefits, such as health care, pay for players in the National Women's Soccer League and maternity and pregnancy leave and pay. The women's deal also includes injury pay, 401(k) plans and severance.

Players led by Alex Morgan sued the USSF in March 2019, contending they have not been paid equitably under their collective bargaining agreement that runs through December 2021 compared to what the men's team receives

under its agreement that expired in December 2018. The women asked for more than \$64 million in damages plus \$3 million in interest under the Equal Pay Act and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

U.S. District Judge R. Gary Klausner in Los Angeles threw out the pay claim in May 2020, ruling the women rejected a pay-to-play structure similar to the one in the men's agreement and accepted greater base salaries and benefits than the men. He allowed

their allegation of discriminatory working conditions to go to trial.

The women asked the 9th Circuit to overrule the trial court's ruling and put their wage claim back on track. A three-judge panel is likely to hear oral arguments late this year or in early 2022.

FIFA awarded \$400 million in prize money for the 32 teams at the 2018 men's World Cup, including \$38 million to champion France. It awarded \$30 million for the 24 teams at the 2019 Women's World Cup, including \$4 million to the U.S. after the Americans won their second straight title. FIFA has increased the total to \$440 million for the 2022 men's World Cup, and its president, Gianni Infantino, has proposed FIFA double the women's prize money to \$60 million for the 2023 Women's World Cup, in which FIFA has increased the teams to 32.

Most federations frame their payments to players for World Cups on the FIFA amounts.

Under their labor contract, U.S. men got \$55,000 each for making the 2014 World Cup roster, then split \$4.3 million for earning four points in the group stage and reaching the knockout stage. That calculated to just under \$187,000 per player. □



In this May 26, 2021, file photo, Los Angeles Dodgers starting pitcher Trevor Bauer walks back to the mound after giving up a solo home run to Houston Astros' Carlos Correa in the sixth inning of a baseball game in Houston.

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NEW YORK

Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Trevor Bauer will miss the rest of the season. Major League Baseball and

the players' association extended his administrative leave through the end of the World Series on Friday. Bauer was placed on sev-

Bauer won't pitch again this season, leave extended by MLB

en days' paid leave July 2 under the joint domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse policy adopted by MLB and the players' union after a Southern California woman said he choked her into unconsciousness, punched her repeatedly and had anal sex with her without her consent during two sexual encounters earlier this year. MLB and the union have since agreed to several extensions.

The decision to extend the leave through the rest of the season had been expected, given that Bauer

had not pitched since June 29 and was running out of time to get back in shape to return to the mound while games remained. The regular season is scheduled to end Oct. 3 and the minimum ramp-up time for pitchers is generally regarded as three weeks.

Bauer now awaits the next steps in the legal case. The Pasadena Police Department last week delivered the results of their three-month investigation into the woman's allegations to the Los Angeles County district attorney's office and the case is un-

der review. Judge Dianna Gould-Saltman of the Superior Court of Los Angeles County denied the 27-year-old San Diego woman's request for a restraining order against Bauer.

Bauer has said through representatives that everything that happened between the two was "wholly consensual" in the nights they spent together in April and May at his Pasadena home.

The Associated Press does not typically identify people who say they have been victims of sexual assault. □

Pick-Six: 17th game puts some NFL records within reach

By JOSH DUBOW

AP Pro Football Writer

Derrick Henry now has an extra game to help him surpass Eric Dickerson's 37-year-old rushing record. The quest for the first 2,000-yard receiving season just got a little bit easier for big-play threats like Stefon Diggs and DeAndre Hopkins.

And who knows what Patrick Mahomes can do to the record book now that he has 17 games to rack up yards and touchdowns? The NFL's move to 17 games in 2021 has made some records that once might have seemed unbreakable a little bit more attainable with an extra game to do it. Here's a look at some marks that could be surpassed along with a couple that still should be safe:

RUNNING DOWN DICKERSON

Dickerson broke O.J. Simpson's single-season rushing record of 2,003 yards when he ran for 2,105 in 1984 for the Rams. Since that season, six more players have cracked 2,000, but the closest anyone came to Dickerson happened in 2012 when Adrian Peterson fell 8 yards short of matching it. Henry ran for 2,027 yards last season when he averaged 126.7 per game. Had he gotten that many in a 17th game he would have surpassed Dickerson by nearly 50 yards.



In this Jan. 3, 2021, file photo, Tennessee Titans running back Derrick Henry (22) carries the ball for a touchdown during an NFL football game against the Houston Texans in Houston. In this Jan. 3, 2021, file photo, Tennessee Titans running back Derrick Henry (22) carries the ball for a touchdown during an NFL football game against the Houston Texans in Houston.

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TWO THOUSAND BARRIER

Calvin Johnson set the single-season receiving record with 1,964 yards in 2012 but even with the increase in passing no one has gotten to 2,000. Julio Jones came closest since Johnson with 1,871 yards. That pace would have been enough to break Johnson's mark with a 17th game but would have left him about 13 yards short of 2,000. But if teams keep throwing the ball at the current rate, the 2,000-yard barrier could be in reach. Buffalo's Diggs led the NFL last year with 1,535 yards

receiving.

AIR IT OUT

There have been 12 times a quarterback reached 5,000 yards passing in a season, with the recently retired Drew Brees having done it five times himself. Brees set the record with 5,476 yards in 2011 only to have Peyton Manning break it by a yard two years later. Three quarterbacks have reached the 5,000-mark the past three years, with Mahomes and Ben Roethlisberger doing it in 2018, Jameis Winston in 2019. All three were on a pace to nearly eclipse Manning's mark with an extra game.

Manning also set the TD mark with 55 in that 2013 season. Mahomes got to 50 in 2018 when he threw for 5,097 yards and could threaten both marks with the 17th game.

BUSHEL OF SACKS

Michael Strahan set the sacks record in 2001 — with help from a dive by Brett Favre — when he got 22 1/2 to break Mark Gastineau's mark of 22 set in 1984. Jared Allen (2011) and Justin Houston (2014) both matched Gastineau's 22 in recent years, with Aaron Donald and J.J. Watt coming close at 20 1/2. A 17th game could help

someone pass Strahan and remove the controversy from the record that was achieved only when Favre just fell to the ground in the closing minutes of the season finale.

LONELY CLUB

The 4,000-yard passing season became common in recent years even with only 16 games as the game opened up and teams passed more than ever. In all, there have been 198 4,000-yard seasons in NFL history, with seven franchises having at least 10 and the Packers and Colts having 16 each.

There is only one team that hasn't cracked that mark: the Chicago Bears. It might be tough for the Bears to end that drought even with 17 games because Andy Dalton begins the season as starter but could lose the job at some point to rookie Justin Fields.

The Bears hope Fields will get there some day and pass the franchise record of 3,838 yards set by Erik Kramer in 1995.

UNBREAKABLE MARKS

There are a handful of records that will be tough to break with 17 games but perhaps none more than Night Train Lane's mark of 14 interceptions in 1952. No one has even reached 11 in a season since Carson Palmer in 1981 as quarterbacks have become much more careful with the ball. □

20th anniversary of terrorist attacks marked by NY teams

NEW YORK (AP) — Todd Zeile thought back 20 years, to the night baseball returned in New York following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. "We put a small Band-Aid on a big wound for a couple of hours," the retired Mets infielder said Friday. "To put the smiles on the faces of the people who were hurting and just make them relax for a couple hours and watch the national pastime come back, play ball, that made me feel that it was the right

time to do it."

The Mets will mark the 20th anniversary of the attacks before Saturday night's Subway Series game against the Yankees. They will wear caps from the New York City Police Department, Fire Department of the City of New York, Port Authority Police Department and New York City Department of Correction to honor first responders.

Bobby Valentine, manager of the 2001 Mets, will throw a ceremonial first

pitch to Joe Torre, manager of the 2001 Yankees. The Mets have at least 14 former players and coaches planning to attend, including Hall of Famer Mike Piazza, whose two-run, eighth-inning homer off native New Yorker Steve Karsay led the Mets over Atlanta 3-2 in the emotional first game back that Sept. 21. Saturday's ceremony will include the New York Police and Fire Widows' & Children Benefit Fund, a group created by late Mets star Rusty Staub. The



In this Oct. 21, 2000, file photo, New York Mets manager Bobby Valentine, left, and New York Yankees manager Joe Torre give an interview prior to the start of a World Series baseball game in New York. Sports teams will hold ceremonies Saturday to mark the 20th anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

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Feel Good Foundation that assists people afflicted by 9/11-related illnesses, and Mets employees who lost loved ones and

people who worked at Shea Stadium during the relief effort. Police and fire department honor guards will participate. □

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